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In re Application of

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Title: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR STORING AUDIO-CENTERED INFORMATION BY A TABLE-OF-CONTENTS (TOC) MECHANISM AND ALSO BY A FILE-BASED ACCESS MECHANISM THROUGH A ROOT DIRECTORY, AND A UNITARY STORAGE MEDIUM CONTAINING SUCH INFORMATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Delete claims 1-9

Please add the following new claims:

- A¹
- 1 10. A method comprising the steps of:
 - 2 providing a unitary storage medium;
 - 3 storing audio-centered information on the unitary storage
 - 4 medium
 - 5 storing on the unitary storage medium, a Table-of-Contents
 - 6 (TOC) access mechanism specifying an actual configuration of
 - 7 various audio items on the medium, a highest level of the TOC
 - 8 mechanism pointing to the audio items and a lowest level TOC file
 - 9 points immediately to the respective contents of the audio items;
 - 10 and

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Smx
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